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#### Message:

Dear Ms. Chen.

Pursuant to our phone conversation of June 19, 2002, I have attached a Response to Restriction Requirement along with a Petition to Accept Reply as Timely Filed for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Best regards, Konstantin Linnik W.Pm

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In re Application of:

Lorenz et al.

Serial No.: 09/816,697

Filed: March 23, 2001

For:

A Novel P-Selectin Glycoprotein

Ligand (PSGL-1) Binding Protein

and Uses Therefor

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: Phillip Gambel

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE AS TIMELY FILED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF EXTENSION FEES

In an Office Action dated February 11, 2002, the Examiner required restriction

under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following Groups of claims:

Group ! -

Claims 1-12 and 22, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, a vector comprising the nucleic acid, a host cell transfected with the expression vector, a method of producing polypeptide comprising 06/27/2002 6DUCKETT 0 0000004 060916 09816697 culturing the host cell, and a kit comprising a compound which

selectively hybridizes to the nucleic acid

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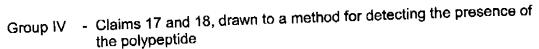
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- Claims 13-15, drawn to an isolated polypeptide Group II

- Claims 16 and 19, drawn to an antibody which selectively binds the polypeptide, and a kit comprising a compound which selectively Group III binds to the polypeptide



Group V - Claims 20 and 21, drawn to a method for detecting the nucleic acid

Group VI - Claims 23 and 24, drawn to a method for identifying compounds that bind the polypeptide

Group VII - Claim 25, drawn to a method for modulating the polypeptide activity

Group VIII - Claim 26, drawn to a method for identifying a compound that modulates the activity of the polypeptide

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute <u>Group VIII, claim 26</u>, drawn to a method for identifying compounds that modulate PSGL binding polypeptides.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement with respect to Groups VI and VIII for the reasons set forth below.

Method claims in Groups VI and VIII require a step of contacting a test compound with a polypeptide of the invention. Because test compounds that bind to the polypeptide according to claims of Group VI are also expected to modulate properties/activity of the polypeptide as in claims of Group VIII, there would be no serious burden imposed on the examiner by examining Groups VI and VIII together.

Applicants request withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to claims of Groups VI and VIII.

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1300 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 202.408.4000 Fax 202.408.4400 www.finnegan.com For the reasons stated in the accompanying Petition To Accept Response As Timely Filed, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed. Applicants request that this response be entered without payment of extension fees. However, in the event that Applicants' Petition is denied, please grant any necessary extension and charge any fee due to deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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